

Grace Adelaide WILLIAMSON, nee RAGGATT 1-1-1880 to C.1950 & Francis Moss WILLIAMSON

Biography as published in 1985 & 1995

Grace Adelaide was the fourth child and fourth daughter of Mary and William Raggatt and was born at Carchap on New Year's Day. Two of her first cousins were born later in the year, William John Tucker in South Australia and Jessie McDonald at Nurrabiell. In Melbourne the bushranger Ned Kelly was hanged and in Sydney the *Bulletin* was first published. Her grandparents were Rachel and Ewen McDonald and great-grandparents were Christina and Donald McLean.

Grace attended the Carchap State School and then assisted her mother at home. She too worked for a time at St Mary's Station as well as other farms in the area.

Grace married Francis Moss Williamson at Horsham. Francis, known as Jack, was a sheep and cattle drover. His mother's family, the Frosts, had lived in the Portland, Victoria, area since the early 1850s.

The family made their permanent home at Ararat, Victoria. Grace was a capable house-keeper and a good dressmaker. Jack met his death in tragic circumstances in 1938, when his drover's wagon caught fire. Grace died about 1950.

Children of Grace and Francis (Jack) :-

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| 1. <i>John</i> Williamson | Born 20-12-1909 |
| 2. <i>Thomas George</i> Williamson | Born 2-6-1911 |
| 3. <i>Rita</i> Williamson | Born 8-12-1913 |
| 4. <i>Mary</i> Williamson | Born. 28-2-1918 |

- SOURCE : This biography was from page 177 of "History of Ewen & Rachel McDonald & Descendants" by Jill McDonald which was originally published in 1985. It was republished as part of "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" in 1995.
- COLONIALISTS : Christina and Donald McLean and their ten children migrated from Argyllshire to South Australia in 1837. This was in the earliest years of the colony. The McLeans initially settled near Adelaide where they grew the first wheat crop in SA. Then in about 1840 they pioneered the Strathalbyn area. There are now well over 20,000 descendants spread across Australia and elsewhere.
- CHANGES : Please contact us with additions, corrections or suggestions about any part of this family tree.
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